

UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

OXFORD FIVE LENGTHS BACK.

CAMBRIDGE WINS WITH RIDICULOUS EASE.

THE BEST TIME MADE OVER THE PUTNEY COURSE SINCE 1882.

LONDON, March 24.—The annual race between boat crews representing Oxford and Cambridge Universities took place this morning over the usual course on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of four miles and two furlongs. The weather was dull. There was an average attendance of spectators.

The Cambridge crew won the toss for position and took the Surrey side of the river. When Hamblemill Bridge, one mile and three-quarters from the starting point, was reached, Cambridge was leading by three lengths and at Barnes Bridge, one mile and three-quarters further on, they had put five lengths between themselves and their opponents. Cambridge crossed the winning line five lengths ahead of Oxford.

Cambridge's time was twenty minutes and forty-eight seconds.

THE TWO CREWS.

The Cambridge crew began practice this year on January 9, a little in advance of Oxford. Their new boat was made by Clasper. Not many changes were made in the composition of the crew, which finally stood as follows:

Place.	Name.	College.	Weight.
1.	R. H. Pym.	Trinity Hall.	160
2.	R. H. Pym.	Trinity Hall.	160
3.	R. H. Pym.	Trinity Hall.	160
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Average weight of eight, 167½.

Oxford went to work a few days later. A gloom was thrown over the crew by the death of Mr. Hector McLean, president of the boat club, but the men kept pluckily at work. Their new boat was built by Rough. The crew was constituted as follows:

Place.	Name.	College.	Weight.
1.	W. F. C. Holland.	Braconne.	162
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The following table shows the results of the race of yesterday, forty-five contests have occurred between the rival universities, of which Oxford has won 23 and Cambridge 21, and there has been one dead heat.

Year. Date. Winner. Course. Time. Won by.

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